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Applicant(s): NAKATA et al.

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For: **BIODEGRADABLE POLYESTER RESIN COMPOSITION,
BIODISINTEGRABLE RESIN COMPOSITION, AND MOLDING OBJECTS
OF THESE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application on its merits, consideration of the following claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17. This amendment elects claims 18-24 of Group II of Paper 5 of the parent application. In addition, please amend the following claims:

B1 22. A biodegradable card as claimed in claim 18, wherein said polylactic acid-based resin (A) is a polylactic acid homopolymer.

B2 24. A biodegradable card as claimed in claim 18, wherein a magnetic recording layer and/or a thermally-sensitive recording layer are formed on said biodegradable resin composition layer which is a base material.